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SUBJECT: CUSTOM DUTIES ORS

REF: USIA 14804

1. AS RECOMMENDED REFTTEL, HAVE DISCUSSED WITH STATION
MANAGER.

2. WE PREPARED ACCEPT A CONTINUATION OF EXISTING
PROCEDURES FOR ENTRY OF GOODS FOR ORS AS PREFERRED BY
AGENCY. AGENCY SHOULD BEAR IN MIND, HOWEVER, THE
FOLLOWING TWO POINTS:

A. GIVEN PROPENSITY OF JAPANESE NEWS MEDIA TO
DIG OUT MATTERS EMBARRASSING TO GOJ AND USG, THERE IS GOOD

POSSIBILITY THAT GOJ ACCORDANCE TO VOA OF DUTY
FREE ENTRY WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION OR EXEMPTIONS
COULD WELL SURFACE PUBLICLY.

B. CONTINUATION OF EXISTING PROCEDURES TO IMPORT
GOODS FOR ORS USE DOES INVOLVE SOME MISREPRESENTATION
BY USG SINCE SHIPMENTS ARE CONSIGNED TO "US CONSULATE
GENERAL NAHA FOR USIA". WE ARE MISREPRESENTING,
THEREFORE, NOT ONLY NATURE OF CONSIGNEE (I.E. USIA,
NOT VOA) BUT ALSO ASSOCIATION OF ORS WITH CONSULATE
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GENERAL.

3. IN SUM, PROCEDURE PREFERRED BY AGENCY IS NOT RPT
NOT WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL POLITICAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
RISKS.
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